GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1208
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IDENTIFICATION OF INDUSTRIES PROVIDING MAXIMUM LIVELIHOOD
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified five industries which provide livelihood to maximum number of people in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the percentage of employees working in each industry; and

(d) the names of industries where the number of employees has declined during nineties?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

a) to c) As per the surveys conducted by National Sample Surveys Organisation on employment & unemployment during 1993-94 & 1999-2000, the industry wise distribution of workers (in terms of numbers of workers and percentage to total) as per the Usual Principal & Subsidiary Status Approach is given in the annexure. The survey results reveal that agriculture, manufacturing, trade & community, social and personnel services are the sectors which provide employment to substantial number of people in the country.

d) The sectors where there was a decline in employment opportunities during 1994-2000 are agriculture, mining & quarrying, Electricity, Gas & Water supply and Community, Social and Personnel services sector.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1208 FOR REP 26.11.2001.

Industry	@ Employed workers1993-1994		@ Employed workers1999-2000	
	(Million)	% to total	(Million)	% to total
Agriculture	242.64	64.8	237.56	59.8
Mining & Quarrying	2.62	0.7	2.27	0.6
Manufacturing	39.32	10.5	48.01	12.1
Electricity, gas & water supply	1.5	0.4	1.28	0.3
Construction	11.61	3.1	17.62	4.4
Trade	27.71	7.4	37.32	9.4
Transport, Storage & Communication	10.48	2.8	14.69	3.7
Financial Services	3.37	0.9	5.05	1.3
Community Social & Pers. Services.	35.2	9.4	33.2	8.4
Total Employment	374.45	100	397	100

@ As per Usual Principal and Subsidiary Status (UPSS) Approach